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Mr. Jeff Morales Director CALTRANS, 1120 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Mr. Greg Wong

Federal-aid Branch, Room 3500

SUBJECT: MTC 2001 FTIP Amendment No. 11

Dear Mr. Morales:

We have completed our review of Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Amendment No. 11 to its FY2001 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for inclusion into California's current Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

We accept these amendments in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this Metropolitan Transportation Commission amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 49 USC 53 of the Federal Transit Act as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.126 and/or §93.127].

This finding has been coordinated with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The actions documented in this amendment do not effect the conformity determination for the 2000/04 TIP. Therefore, we find this FTIP to be in conformity with the State Implementation Plan (SIP)

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of MTC's 2000/04 TIP Amendment into California's 2001 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This programming approval is for projects in the first three years (FY 01,02 & 03) of the FTIP and we accept those projects in the fourth year and beyond for informational purposes only.

As result of this action those transit projects listed in years four and beyond are not eligible for Pre-Award authority at his time. Furthermore, approvals on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

Regional Administrator

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